

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Luiz B. Da Silva

Docket No. : BL-4 NPROV

Serial No. : 10/803,574

Art Unit: 3737

Filed : March 17, 2004

Examiner: R. Smith

For : Optical Biopsy System With Single Use Needle Probe

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

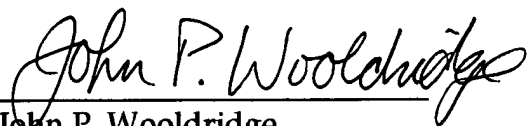
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The small entity extension fee for a five month extension (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5) is \$1080.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee (\$1080) to Deposit Account Number 501913.

If any impediments remain, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated: January 26, 2006